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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ASMARA, USCINCEUR
FROM ADDIS ABABA MAY 8.

QUOTE ADDIS ABABA 5427.

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (HAILE SELASSIE I, EMPEROR)

SUBJECT: EMPEROR'S VISIT: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER

REF: ADDIS 5391

1. PRIMIN RECEIVED ME AFTERNOON MAY 7 AT MY REQUEST FOR FINAL
EXCHANGE OF THOUGHTS ON VISIT BEFORE MY DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON.
WE WERE ALONE.

2. PRIMIN OPENED WITH STATEMENT THAT MILITARY SITUATION OF
ETHIOPIA VIS- A- VIS SOMALIA CONTINUING WORSEN; IEG NOW BELIEVES
SOMALIA HAS RECEIVED SEVEN MIG-21' S IN ADDITION TO FURTHER
DELIVERIES OF (UNSPECIFIED) MODERN EQUIPMENT. IT NOW NECESSARY
FOR ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES BY " UP- DATED". PRIMIN STRESSED IEG
AIMING AT MILITARY PARITY, NOT REPEAT NOT SUPERIORITY, TO KEEP
BALANCE IN HORN AND DETER SOMALI ATTACK.

3. PRIMIN SAID THAT HE HAD DECIDED SEND MOD AND CHIEF STAFF TO
WASHINGTON (CF ADDIS 5390, PARA 3). THEY WOULD STAND READY TO
ADVISE HIM OR TO CONSULT WITH THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN DOD AND
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FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS AND WORKING OUT OF DETAILS.

4. I EXPRESSED HOPE EMPEROR WOULD DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT BROAD
OUTLINES OF MILITARY PROBLEMS, LEAVING DETAILS BE WORKED OUT BY
SUBORDINATES. I SAID I WAS AWARE THAT ETHIOPIAN MILITARY HAD
WORKED UP LARGE LIST OF DESIRED ITEMS. I HOPED IEG REQUEST, AS
FINALLY FORMULATED, WOULD BE KEPT IN CONSONANCE WITH CAPACITIES
INHERENT IEG' S DEFENSE BUDGET NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT. EXCESSIVE
REQUESTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED, I SAID, AS TABLING SUCH REQUESTS
LIKELY PROVE UNHELPFUL. PRIME MIN AGREED WITH THESE THOUGHTS BUT
ADDED " HOWEVER, IF THE SOMALIS CAN AFFORD THEIR REARMING, WE MUST
AFFORD IT TOO; WE HAVE NO CHOICE."

5. I THEN WENT OVER PLANS FOR EMPEROR' S VISIT DISCUSSED WITH
FONMIN AT NOON AND PRIMIN ENDORSED THEM. PRIMIN SAID THAT IF
NOTHING ELSE WERE PLANNED MONDAY AFTERNOON, HIS MAJESTY MIGHT
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WHITE HOUSE THOUGHT APPROPRIATE. ACCORDING PRIMIN, EMPEROR
PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO MEET DR. KISSINGER TO DISCUSS WITH HIM
PROBLEMS OF HORN AND RED SEA AREA IN THEIR CURRENT CONTEXT.

6. AS I WAS LEAVING, I TOLD AKLILU THAT I HAD HANDED LETTER
AMENDING TREATY OF AMITY TO FONMIN EARLIER TODAY. PRIMIN SHOWED
GREAT APPRECIATION AND RELIEF THAT MATTER SETTLED.
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